

IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-13. Withdrawn

14. (Currently Amended) A ropesizer which produces a high viscosity confectionary including a first high viscosity raw material and a second high viscosity raw material wrapped by the first high viscosity raw material, comprising:

a sheet forming unit for elongating a the first raw material into a sheet shape;

a delivering unit which applies a the second raw material onto the first raw material, which is elongated in sheet shape and conveyed by said sheet forming unit, so as to be in a strand form; and,

a wrapping means for wrapping the sheet shape first raw material, while the sheet shape first raw material is being conveyed, so as to wrap the second raw material, which is applied as a strand form, in the first raw material.

15. (Currently Amended) A ropesizer which produces a high viscosity confectionary according to claim 14, further comprising:

an elongation unit which elongates an intermediate product having a large diameter, which is obtained by wrapping the second raw material in the first raw material by said wrapping means, and produces an intermediate product having a smaller diameter.

16. (Currently Amended) A ropesizer which produces a high viscosity confectionary according to claim 14, wherein

said delivering unit comprises a plurality of cone members arranged with their cone points pointing downwardly so as to be a side surface at a cone, each of said cone members rotating in the same direction around the central axis thereof as a rotation axis as well as rotating in the circumferential direction of the side surface of said cone around the central axis of said cone as a rotation axis so that the second raw material supplied to the inside of said cone is discharged from the bottom portion thereof in a strand form.

17. (Canceled).

18. (New) A method for producing a high viscosity confectionary including a first high viscosity raw material and a second high viscosity raw material wrapped by the first high viscosity raw material, said method comprising the steps of:

elongating the first high viscosity raw material into a sheet shape using a sheet forming unit to form a sheet of the first raw material;


applying the second high viscosity raw material onto the first raw material so as to be a strand form using a delivering unit; and

wrapping the sheet shape first raw material so as to wrap the second raw material in the first raw material using a wrapping means.

19. (New) A method for producing a high viscosity confectionary according to claim 18, further comprising the step of:

elongating a product which is obtained by wrapping the second raw material in the first raw material, using an elongation unit.

20. (New) A method for producing a high viscosity confectionary according to

 claim 19, further comprising the step of:

conveying the product which is elongated by the elongation unit in a free state.
